

1 AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
5 adding Section 3-648 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-648 new)

7 Sec. 3-648. Union Member license plates.

8 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the  
9 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and  
10 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of  
11 State, may issue Union Member license plates to residents of  
12 Illinois who meet eligibility requirements prescribed by the  
13 Secretary of State. The special Union Member plate issued  
14 under this Section shall be affixed only to passenger  
15 vehicles of the first division and motor vehicles of the  
16 second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates  
17 issued under this Section shall expire according to the  
18 staggered multi-year procedure established by Section 3-414.1  
19 of this Code.

20 (b) The design and format of the plates shall be wholly  
21 within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The plates  
22 shall display the colors red, white, and blue and the phrases  
23 "Union Member" and "Buy American". The Secretary may, in  
24 his or her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as  
25 vanity or personalized plates in accordance with Section  
26 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to  
27 designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b)  
28 of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe  
29 the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion,  
30 shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided  
31 under Section 3-412.

1       (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$15 fee for original  
2       issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee.  
3       This additional fee shall be deposited into the Secretary of  
4       State Special License Plate Fund. For each registration  
5       renewal period, a \$2 fee, in addition to the appropriate  
6       registration fee, shall be charged and shall be deposited  
7       into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

8       (Source: P.A. 91-805, eff. 1-1-01.)